

Good Government Must Originate With Individual, Candidate Says

Next Tuesday a portion of the 11,000 registered voters of Torrance will go to the polls to elect three councilmen to represent them for the next four years.

In previous issues the Herald has run interviews with the other four independent candidates. The following interview with Mervin Schwab is printed to give voters the opportunity of meeting another one of those candidates.

Schwab is general foreman of the glossware department at the American Standard plant on Crenshaw Blvd. and has been employed by the firm for 27 years.

He is an active church worker and is past president of the Torrance Council of Churches.

Although Schwab has served as president of the Board of Education of the Clinton School District in Tiffin, Ohio, this is his first venture into public life as a resident of Torrance.

He, his wife, Evelyn, and son Neil, live at 1508 Acacia Ave.

Schwab is former Scoutmaster and district commissioner of the

Boy Scouts. He is a member of the Torrance Rotary Club and of the Masonic Lodge.

Speaking of the election on Tuesday, Schwab says:

"I have a deep-rooted conviction that Christian principles could and should be applied to government, whether it be on a local, state or national level.

"Good government must begin with the individual or else it does not begin.

"Our rapidly growing city is constantly facing new problems which must be solved to the best interest of all the citizens. These problems must be given careful consideration and not answered by snap judgment," avers Schwab.

"If elected to the City Council I will conscientiously apply all the common sense and judgment I possess in fulfilling the duties of the office," he stated.

"This question was put to the council candidate:

"Have you taken a stand on the annexation of Alondra Park and El Camino College?"

"After studying the matter thoroughly and talking with men

of authority, I am convinced that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the City of Torrance to annex either the college or the park."

"What prompted you to run for City Council?"

"I attended a meeting recently of a group seeking to elect a slate of three candidates to the City Council. What I saw and heard at that meeting convinced me that some course of action was necessary to break up that alliance. When the Council of Churches approached me to run against this element, I consented. I told them, however, that I was not versed in local politics, and that all that I could offer them was an honest evaluation of the matters which might come before me if I am elected. They stated that was all they were seeking in asking me to run.

"Honesty, fair-mindedness and my personal guarantee of my integrity is all that I have to offer.

"I have seen the threat of gambling. I have seen how the approach is to be made to allow for the return of pinball

machines and punchboards, and Heaven knows what next. I promise that as long as I am a member of the council, if I should be elected, that I will vote and work against any move to allow gambling to get a foothold in our town.

"As for other issues facing the council, I cannot say that I have the immediate answers. But I will get them. I can only promise now that whatever decisions I am called upon to make will be given only after careful deliberation.

"I think the people should be better informed as to the workings of their city government, of the good things that happen, the healthy things, and not always be fed the 'black' items of government.

"I am very concerned about the coming election and not only urge but plead with the voters that they take time to go vote.

"This privilege which we have should never be forgotten nor put aside. We should consider it as our duty. Let us exercise our rights so that whoever wins may truly be the choice of all and not just

Central Church Choir to Sing Easter Cantata

The choir of Central Evangelical United Brethren Church will render an Easter cantata entitled "The Exalted Christ," at the worship service on Palm Sunday morning. Soloists will be Mrs. W. E. Norman, Mrs. James Osteen, Mr. Carl Fisel and Mr. Charles Miller.

The pastor, Rev. Homer H. Miller, will speak on the subject "The Day of Palms." There will be no evening service on this day.

Holy Week services will be conducted Wednesday evening at 7, at which time the pastor will speak on "The Challenge of the Christ." Holy Communion will be observed on Thursday evening at seven o'clock, at which time the pastor will speak on the subject "A Unique Crowning."

Letters To The Editor

Three Former Mayors Deny Telling Candidate: 'Present Council Is Worst In History'

The Torrance Herald.

This letter is being written in order to clarify recent mention of my having said anything unfavorable concerning the present City Council, and to further state that I did not say "... the present City Council is the worst in the history of Torrance."

This is written not in any spirit of antagonism, but simply to clarify the record.

It is my hope that the vote will be city-wide and representative for those who seek election to any city offices.

WILLIAM H. TOLSON.

Editor,

In order to clarify my position in the forthcoming municipal election, please be advised of the following facts:

I did not make the statement that the present City Council is the worst in Torrance history, as published in a recent issue of your paper.

Further, that I have not nor do I intend to endorse the so-called BID ticket. However, I would have done the same for any other candidates who might have asked me to sign theirs.

With kindest personal regards,

J. HUGH SHERFEY JR.

The Torrance Herald:

I am appealing to your newspaper to help straighten out the record.

One of the candidates running for office, recently stated: "The present City Council is the worst in the history of Torrance." This opinion is shared with me by three former mayors.

I am a former mayor. I do not share this opinion.

True, I signed the petition of Councilman Nick Drale, but this is not to be construed as an endorsement of any ticket.

I probably would have signed the nominating petition of any of the seven other candidates, had they have asked me.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. STANGER

(Editor's note:—The statement referred to by William H. Tolson, Hugh Sherfey and Bill Stanger, all former mayors of the City of Torrance, was made by Al Isen, one of the three TUT ticket candidates at a recent meeting of the TUT group in Hollywood Riviera).

Many Grounded As Courts Fight Auto Violations

Nearly 40 local motorists had their driving licenses revoked, suspended or by some other means came under action of the State Department of Motor Vehicles during the last three-week period, the department revealed this week.

Fourteen drivers were convicted of drunk driving, but no revocation of license was ordered. Also, 19 driving licenses were returned to violators.

Convicted of drunk driving were: Jason H. Castillo, 2815 Alberta Ave.; Jess C. Cordova, 160 E. 213th St.; Carl G. Fawler, 937 1/2 Carson St.; Charles T. Frossard, Box 535, Harbor L. Lupo, Box 393, Harbor City; Arthur D. Malen, 20701 S. Vermont Ave.; Carl W. Moore, 18815 Hawthorne Blvd.; Steve H. Montes, 1627 W. 209th St.; John F. Chaison, 24637 Cypress St.; Ward E. Bratton, 1221 El Prado Edward M. Deaton, 1711 Schilling Dr.; James H. Felts Jr., 709 Columbia Blvd.; Donald E. Hayes, 1844 W. 247th St.

Those who had licenses suspended for violation of the motor vehicle financial responsibility act were: Larry Agullar, 21326 S. Normandie Ave.; Jim S. Jorquez, 1211 W. 252nd St.; John L. Fargave, 25420 Petroleum St.; Helene S. Ryan, 1419 W. 218th St.; Jesse W. Tidland, 1229 Anapola Ave.; Solomon D. Bartmess, Box 303, Lomita; Francis H. Dougherty, 2804 W. 176th St.; Agnes P. Tremain, 17019 Wilkie Ave.; Hans Hastings, 2203 Gramercy Ave.; Wayne Parker, 3850 W. 182nd St.; Jesse L. Todd, 21902 1/2 S. Western Ave.; R. D. Warner, 4240 W. 179th St.

The driving record for the following was revoked for miscellaneous violations: Francisco M. Bandera, 235th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., third drunk driving conviction; Sylvester Chavez, 2107 W. 203rd St., use of vehicle by minor in felony; George M. Davis, 1619 W. 204th St., inability to drive safely; George O. Medina, 1647 W. 259th St., driving while license revoked; H. Keese, 3205 W. 188th St., poor records; Oral A. Bishop, 1541 W. 218th St., third drunk driving conviction; Bruce R. Hooker, 22608 So. Main St., minor, reckless driving.

Others suspended were: Leopoldo R. Alvarez, 2242 E. 203rd St., negligent operation; Thomas E. Jackson, 2109 S. Harvard Ave., driving while license suspended; Billy J. Chandler, 25103 Walnut Ave., negligent operation.

Licenses were reinstated to: John W. Correll, 1733 W. 252nd St.; Harold M. Hegepeth, 1270 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.; Modesto Montoya, 1435 W. 256th St.; Jim E. Cline, 638 Harbor Hills; Lillian M. Abbott, 20922 Valerie St.; Rayfield Atkinson, 1041 W. 256th St.; Phillip L. Berard, 20900 La Salle St.; Floyd De Bolt, 18445 Regina Ave.; George S. Greenan, 1340 W. 219th St.; Manuel O. Hernandez, 954 W. Maple Ave.; Edward L. Nobbs, 17026 Della Ave.; David V. Reeves, 18534 Hawthorne Blvd.; Mack E. White, 21228 1/2 S. Main St.; Arvel B. Armer, 1621 W. 254th St.; Frank A. Baglizzo, 1403 Rolling Knolls Dr.; Donald C. Gregory, 1733 W. 247th St.; Roy Leon McKay, 1838 W. 256th St.; John J. O'Donnell, 1107 Flat St.; Robert J. Hansen, 1144 Maple Ave.

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Attorneys Ask Editors to Retract Statement Reported in the Herald

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Gentlemen:

Mr. Frank S. Selover has consulted us regarding publication by you in the Torrance Herald and your eight other affiliated papers, of libelous and defamatory matter about him.

Particular attention is called to your article entitled TUT's Drop Plans to Snatch Park, El Camino J. C." in your publication dated March 27, 1952, wherein you printed: "Heavens no, Selover is not smart enough to be City Manager. He is a newspaperman."

You are reminded that Mr. Selover is not a candidate for public office.

Demand is hereby made that a retraction and/or an apology be printed by you concerning your printed remarks about Mr. Selover.

Very truly yours,
LIND AND SCHMITZ, Attorneys
Wilmington

(Ed. note:—The above quotation referred to by Attorney Schmitz was a quoted item of a statement made by Vic Benstead, a candidate for City Council, during an open public meeting in a publicly-owned building in North Torrance. We are sorry that Mr. Selover was offended by Benstead's remark, which was published without malice as a true and fair report of a portion of the meeting. We presume that Mr. Benstead, who made the statement, has apologized.)

Torrance Voter Warns Against Falling For the 'Old Less Taxes Game' Tuesday

The Torrance Herald:

Who has whose hand in whose pocket? Why is it necessary to "incorporate" a group to grab the control of the City of Torrance?

What is the game?

Why do these three so-called TUT-BID men want to control the City of Torrance?

Wake up, voters of Torrance. Don't be suckered in by some kind of a graft.

Don't fall for the old "less taxes" game.

Are all the present councilmen out of step but Drale? Let's keep Torrance clean.

A. V.

Superintendent of Schools Doffs Hat, Congratulates The Herald on Expansion

Editor,

The Torrance Herald:

Our hats are off to you in this bold, forward step, which gives Torrance more up-to-date news, better coverage and it is tailored to individual community needs, too. What an improvement this can be!

A city which has grown to 31,000 from 14,000 people in five years has to have more and better services of all kinds.

Your recognition of this need and meeting it is a commendable service to the community.

Congratulations are in order!

Sincerely yours,
J. H. HULL

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